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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Insert the attached Sequence Listing after the claims pages.

Page 36, delete the paragraph spanning lines 23-29, and insert the following
therefor:

--Figure 21: Figures 21A-L provide nucleic acid sequences of the
present invention. The nucleic acid sequences encoding
an E1 or E2 protein according to the present invention
may be translated (SEQ ID NO 3 to 13, 21-31, 35 and 41-49
are translated in a reading frame starting from residue
number 1, SEQ ID NO 37-39 are translated in a reading
frame starting from residue number 2), into the amino

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